

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

BROOM, CLARKSON, LANPHIER &
YAMAMOTO, a Partnership,

Plaintiff,

vs.

EDWARD KOUNTZE, individually and
as Personal Representative of the
Estate of Denman Kountze, Jr. in
Collier County, Florida,

Defendant.

8:14CV206

FOURTH AMENDED ORDER
SETTING FINAL SCHEDULE FOR
PROGRESSION OF CASE

This matter is before the court on the parties' Joint Motion to Amend Progression Order and Briefing Schedule (Filing No. 142). The court finds good cause exists to modify the progression order and other deadlines as requested. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED: The parties' Joint Motion to Amend Progression Order and Briefing Schedule (Filing No. 142) is granted as set forth below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

1. **Deposition Deadline.** All depositions, whether or not they are intended to be used at trial, shall be completed by **November 30, 2016**.

2. **Motions *in Limine*.**

a. The briefing schedule on the parties' respective motions *in limine* challenging the admissibility of expert testimony at trial under Fed. R. Evid. 702 (Filing Nos. 136-140) are extended to allow the response briefs to be filed by **December 30, 2016**, and reply briefs to be filed by **January 9, 2017**.

b. Any motions *in limine*, other than those challenging the admissibility of expert testimony at trial under Fed. R. Evid. 702, shall be filed on or before **February 28, 2017**.

3. **Trial Exhibits - On or before February 13, 2017:** A list of all exhibits it expects to offer by providing a numbered listing and permitting examination of such exhibits, designating on the list those exhibits it may offer only if the need arises

4. **The Final Pretrial Conference** with the undersigned magistrate judge is set for **March 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** in chambers, Suite 2271, Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse, 111 South 18th Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska. The final pretrial conference shall be attended by lead counsel for represented parties. Counsel shall complete prior to the pretrial conference, all items as directed in NECivR 16.2.¹ By the time of the pretrial conference, full preparation for trial shall have been made so that trial may begin immediately thereafter. The pretrial conference will include a **discussion of settlement**, and counsel shall be prepared through investigation, discovery and communication with clients and insurers, if any, to discuss fully the subject of settlement, including realistic expectations about liability, obstacles to agreement, offers made, and offers which can be made at the conference. Counsel shall be prepared to make additional offers or proposals for settlement in behalf of their clients at the pretrial conference, and counsel shall be prepared to make or opine on recommendations for further negotiations and conferences.

5. **Settlement.**

a. Not later than two weeks prior to trial, plaintiff or plaintiff's counsel shall serve on defendants or defendants' counsel a written, updated settlement proposal. Defendants or defendants' counsel shall respond in writing to such proposal not later than one week before trial.

b. In the event the parties mediate their dispute, notice of the mediation shall be given to the staff of the magistrate judge's office. The filing of a mediation reference order will terminate pending motions, without prejudice to refiling. If the mediation is not successful, the moving party may reinstate such a motion by filing a written notice to that effect, and the other parties may respond in accordance with the local rules, regarding the date of the notice as reinstating the response/reply time that remained as of the date the mediation reference order was filed.

c. Notice of settlement shall be given to the trial judge's office as soon as practicable but in any event in time to avoid summoning a jury. If a case

¹ All personal information should be redacted from the public version of the order and/or attachments filed with the clerk. **See** NECivR 5.3.

settles and notice of settlement is not given in sufficient time to avoid summoning a jury, assessment of jury costs may -- and normally will -- be made against a party and/or counsel for one or more of the parties. For purposes of this paragraph, a jury is considered summoned for a trial at noon the business day prior to the designated date of trial.

6. **Trial** is set to commence, at the court's call, during the week of **March 13, 2017**, in Omaha, Nebraska, before the Honorable Robert F. Rossiter, Jr. and a jury. Unless otherwise ordered, jury selection shall be at the commencement of trial.

7. **Motions to alter dates.** All requests for changes of deadlines or settings established herein shall be directed to the magistrate judge by appropriate motion, including all requests for changes of trial dates. Such motions shall not be considered in the absence of a showing by counsel of due diligence in the timely development of this case for trial and the recent development of circumstances, unanticipated prior to the filing of the motion, which require that additional time be allowed.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Thomas D. Thalken
United States Magistrate Judge